



PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : ATTY DKT NO: 00137.00037
HEINRICH HESS :
SERIAL NO.: 10/805,495 :
FILED: MARCH 22, 2004 :
FOR: TUBULAR COMPRESSION :
BANDAGE :

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
220 20th Street S.
Customer Window, Mail Stop Missing Parts
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby disclose the references cited in the attached PTO-1449 form. Copies of EP Patent No. 0860153 and German Patent No. 199 50 509 along with an English language abstract are enclosed.

In the event a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

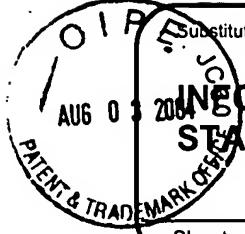
Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 3, 2004

By: Steven P. Schad
Steven P. Schad
Registration No. 32,550

BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.
1001 G Street, N.W.
Eleventh Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001-4597
(202) 824-3000

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.



Substitute for form 1449A/PTO		<i>Complete if Known</i>	
<p style="text-align: center;">INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</p> <p><i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i></p>		Application Number	10/805,495
		Filing Date	March 22, 2004
		First Named Inventor	Heinrich HESS
		Art Unit	Tba
		Examiner Name	Tba
		Attorney Docket Number	00137.00037
Sheet	1	of	1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

***EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ² Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ³ See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.